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In the Specification, please replace the paragraph on page 2, line 5 with the following paragraph:

a1 This application claims the benefit of U. S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/267,441 entitled, "Remotely Managed Automatic Dispensing Apparatus and Method", filed on February 8, 2001, and U. S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/242,898 entitled, "Remotely Managed Automatic